

## REMARKS

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2006.

Claims 1-32 are pending in the subject patent application with claim 11 having been amended so that it depends from claim 10 instead of from claim 12.


The claims stand subject to an election requirement, requiring election of a single species from the species of Fig. 1, Fig. 16, Fig. 17, Fig. 18, Fig. 19, Fig. 23 or Fig. 24. The Examiner has recognized independent claim 1 as being generic to all of the species.

In response to the election requirement, applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the species of Fig. 23 corresponding to claims 1-4, 7, 9-15, 27-29 and 31. Independent claim 1 is generic as noted by the Examiner.

In light of the foregoing, the subject application is submitted to be in condition for examination on the merits. Early, favorable action on the merits is courteously solicited.

Should any issues in the subject application remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

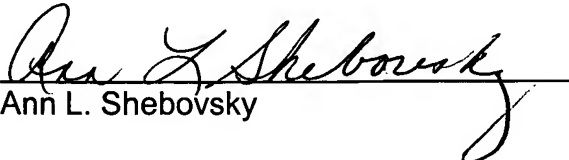


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